

Water Use Efficiency (WUE) Program

**Stakeholder Focus Group
Status Report
12/8/98**



CALFED
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PROGRAM



Program Overview

Emerging Package:

- Incentive-based approach ↔ ■ Assurances (reopening regulation)
- Local planning w/ AWMC ↔ ■ Measurable objectives

Strategic plan as vehicle

Significant Stage 1 Actions

1. Develop Measurable Objectives
2. Develop Baseline/Reference Conditions
7. AWMC Evaluation of Agricultural Water Management Plans
12. Agricultural Financial Incentive Program
14. Water Measurement Program

Need Resolution in 12/98

Water Measurement:

- Geographic Level
- Precision Level
- Financial assistance level
- Groundwater

Assurances:

- Access to CALFED benefits
- Regulation (reopening)
- Linkage to Storage/convey.

Role of AWMC:

- Who sets the goals
- Indep. review

Need Resolution in '99

- Gain broader stakeholder support
- Broader environmental support of AWMC
- Define Measurable Objectives
 - Related to process/effort
 - Related to water diversion/application
- Refine cost estimates
- Better establish linkages to other programs

Next Steps

- Summarize today's comments /direction
- 12/9 morning conference call
- Report back to Babbitt/Dunn: 12/9 ?
- Final meeting: 12/11
- WUE Scientific Review Panel: 12/14-16
- Define nature of Focus Group or successor in '99